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B. DAR ES SALAAM A-26, FEBRUARY 11, 1974

C. DAR ES SALAAM 0828, MARCH 12, 1973

1. TANGOV DOES NOT RESTRICT EXPORTS TO EXTEND AND PURPOSE NOTED IN REF. A. ON CONTRARY, OFFICIAL POLICY IS TO ENCOURAGE ALL EXPORTS, BOTH OF PRIMARY AND MANUFACUTURED PRODUCTS, AS MEANS OF EARNING URGENTLY-NEEDED FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

2. HOWEVER, TO ENSURE RECEIPT OF FOREIGN EXCHNAGE EARNINGS, BANK OF TANZANIA (BOT) REQUIRES ALL EXPORT TRANSACTIONS TO BE CERTIFIED AND APPROVED BEFORE PERMISSION TO EXPORT IS GRANTED. ONCE BOT APPROVES AND REGISTERS AN EXPORT TRANSACTION, EXPORT LICENCE HAS TO BE OBTAINED FROM AUTHORITES CONCERNED WITH PARTICULAR PRODUCT. EXPORT EARNINGS ARE CONTROLLED BY BOT TO ENSURE THAT TRANSACTION HAS BEEN REMITTED IN FULL IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXPORT LICENSING REQUIREMENTS. THESE MEASURES CONSIDERED PURELY REGULATORY TO TRACK INFLOW OF EXPORT RECEIPTS.

3. MANY EXPORT ITEMS ARE RESERVED FOR EXPORT BY STATE-OWNED

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COMPANIES, E.G. SISAL, CASHEWNUTS, CLOVES, MEAT PRODUCTS, TEA,

TOBACCO, OILSEEDS, WOOD CARVINGS, DIAMONDS. HOWEVER, SUCH STATE MONOPOLIES DO NOT CREATE RESTRICTED EXPORT MEASURES OR CONTROLS BUT ARE MEANT TO FACILITATE LOCAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF AGRICULTURAL AND FINISHED PRODUCTS.

4. DURING LAST FIVE YEARS, ONLY KNOW ONE INSTANCE WHERE MAJOR EXPORT CONTROLS ABRUPTLY APPLIED. IN MARCH 1973, BOT SUSPENDED ALL EXPORTS OF SISAL AND CANCELLED ALL ADVANCE CONTRACTS MADE A YEAR EARLIER BECAUSE CONTRACT PRICES WERE FAR BELOW RECORD HIGH WORLDPRICES PREVAILING AT THAT TIME. REF C CITES THIS SINGLE INSTANCE OF AD HOC APPLICATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS BY TANGOV.

5. EXPORT TAX ON PRIMARY PRODUCTS IS AIMED AT INCREASING INTERNAL REVENUE AS INDICATED IN REF B. SINCE PREPARATION OF REF B, EXPORT TAXES WERE REVISED JUNE 1974 AND AGAIN JUNE 1975. CURRENT SCHEDULE OF EXPORT TAXES TOGETHER WITH COPY OF 1974 EXPORT TAX ORDINANCE TO BE AIR POUCHED UNDER DS-4 SLUGGED FOR EC/ITP. LEVIN

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